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23 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
24 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

25 ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER, a  
26 California non-profit corporation; and LOS  
27 ANGELES WATERKEEPER, a California  
28 non-profit corporation;

Civil Case No. 8:17-cv-00611-JVS-JDEx  
**CONSENT DECREE**

Plaintiffs,

v.

ASSOCIATED READY MIXED  
CONCRETE, INC., a California  
Corporation; A&A READY MIXED  
CONCRETE, INC., a California  
Corporation;

Defendant.

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## **CONSENT DECREE**

The following Consent Decree is entered into by and between Plaintiffs Orange County Coastkeeper and Los Angeles Waterkeeper (“Plaintiffs”), and Defendants Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. and A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. (“Defendants”). The entities entering into this Consent Decree are each an individual “Settling Party” and collectively “Settling Parties.”

**WHEREAS**, Orange County Coastkeeper is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California;

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles Waterkeeper is a non-profit public benefit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California;

**WHEREAS**, together, Plaintiffs are dedicated to the preservation, protection, and defense of the environment, wildlife, and natural resources of local surface waters;

**WHEREAS**, Defendants operate batch plants located at: (1) 25901 Towne Centre Drive, Foothill Ranch, California 92610 (“Foothill Ranch Facility”), (2) 18030 Mount Washington Street, Fountain Valley, California 92708 (“Fountain Valley Facility”, and referred to herein collectively as the “Orange County Facilities”), (3) 100 E. Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90248 (“100 Gardena Facility”), and (4) 134 W. Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90248 (“134 Gardena Facility”, and referred to herein collectively as “the Gardena Facilities”);

**WHEREAS**, the Settling Parties refer to the Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities collectively as the “Facilities”;

**WHEREAS**, Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. operates and controls the industrial activities at the Orange County Facilities;

**WHEREAS**, A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. operates and controls the industrial activities at the Gardena Facilities;

**WHEREAS**, storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at the Orange County Facilities and at the Gardena Facilities are regulated pursuant to the

1 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) General Permit No.  
2 CAS000001 [State Water Resources Control Board], Water Quality Order No. 2014-57-  
3 DWQ (“Storm Water Permit”), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C.  
4 §§ 1251 *et seq.* (“Clean Water Act” or “CWA”), Sections 301(a) and 402, 33 U.S.C.  
5 §§ 1311(a), 1342. Depending upon the particular Facility, these industrial activities may  
6 include, *inter alia*, unloading trucks transporting sand and gravel; vehicle maintenance,  
7 cleaning, and storage; vehicle fueling; transporting raw materials across the site; raw and  
8 finished materials storage; weighing aggregate and cement; mixing aggregate, water and  
9 cement to form concrete; and loading trucks with concrete;

10       **WHEREAS**, Defendants’ operations at the Orange County Facilities and at the  
11 Gardena Facilities are permitted under the Storm Water Permit;

12       **WHEREAS**, Plaintiffs contend that Defendants’ operations at the Orange County  
13 Facilities and at the Gardena Facilities result in discharges of pollutants into waters of the  
14 United States and contends that those discharges are regulated by the Clean Water Act,  
15 Sections 301(a) and 402, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a), 1342;

16       **WHEREAS**, Defendants assert that they have attempted to comply in good faith  
17 with the Storm Water Permit at their Orange County Facilities and Gardena Facilities;

18       **WHEREAS**, the 134 Gardena Facility presents particular complexities and  
19 challenges for storm water retention given that the facility consists of multiple, non-  
20 contiguous parcels;

21       **WHEREAS**, Defendants also operate concrete batch plant facilities throughout  
22 Coastkeeper and Waterkeeper’s jurisdictions, and Defendants will implement retention  
23 BMPs designed to retain the maximum volume that can be retained within operating  
24 constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event at those facilities consistent with the  
25 BMPs described in paragraph 14 of this Consent Decree;

26       **WHEREAS**, the Storm Water Permit includes the following requirements for all  
27 permittees, including Defendants: (1) develop and implement a storm water pollution  
28 prevention plan (“SWPPP”) and a storm water monitoring and implementation program

1 (“MIP”), (2) control pollutant discharges using, as applicable, best available technology  
2 economically achievable (“BAT”) or best conventional pollutant control technology  
3 (“BCT”) to prevent or reduce pollutants, (3) implement BAT and BCT through the  
4 development and application of Best Management Practices (“BMPs”), which must be  
5 included and updated in the SWPPP, and (4) when necessary, implement additional  
6 BMPs to prevent or reduce any pollutants that are causing or contributing to any  
7 exceedance of water quality standards (“WQS”);

8       **WHEREAS**, on February 2, 2017, Plaintiffs issued 60-day notice letters to  
9 Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc., the registered agent of Defendant Associated  
10 Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc., the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection  
11 Agency (“EPA”), the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board  
12 (“State Water Board”), the Executive Officer of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality  
13 Control Board, and/or the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality  
14 Control Board (“Regional Water Board”), and the Regional Administrator of EPA  
15 Region IX, with a notice of intent to file suit under Section 505(b)(1)(a) of the Clean Water Act,  
16 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b)(1)(A), alleging violations of the Clean Water Act  
17 and the Storm Water Permit, Water Quality Order No. 92-12-DWQ, as amended by  
18 Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ, and as amended by Water Quality Order 2014-0057-  
19 DWQ, at the Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities;

20       **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2017, Plaintiffs re-issued a 60-day notice letter to  
21 A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc., the registered agent of Defendant A&A Ready Mixed  
22 Concrete, Inc., the EPA Administrator, the State Water Board Executive Director, the  
23 Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Board, and the Regional  
24 Administrator of EPA Region IX, with a notice of intent to file suit under Section  
25 505(b)(1)(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(b)(1)(A), alleging  
26 violations of the Clean Water Act and the Storm Water Permit, Water Quality Order No.  
27 92-12-DWQ, as amended by Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ, and as amended by  
28 Water Quality Order 2014-0057-DWQ, at the Gardena Facilities;

1       **WHEREAS**, the Settling Parties refer to the February 2 and March 29 letters  
2 together as the “60-Day Notices;”

3       **WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2017, Plaintiffs filed a complaint against Associated  
4 Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. in the United States District Court, Central District of  
5 California, Civil Case No. 8:17-00611-JVS-JDE;

6       **WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2017, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint against  
7 Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. and A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. in the  
8 United States District Court, Central District of California, Civil Case No. 8:17-00611-  
9 JVS-JDE, which is the operative complaint in this action;

10      **WHEREAS**, Plaintiffs allege Defendants are in violation of the substantive and  
11 procedural requirements of the Storm Water Permit and the Clean Water Act;

12      **WHEREAS**, Defendants deny all allegations and claims contained in the 60-Day  
13 Notices and the amended complaint and reserve all rights and defenses with respect to  
14 such allegations and claims;

15      **WHEREAS**, the Settling Parties have agreed that it is in their mutual interest and  
16 choose to resolve in full Plaintiffs’ allegations in the 60-Day Notices and amended  
17 complaint through settlement and avoid the cost and uncertainties of further litigation;  
18 and

19      **WHEREAS**, all actions taken by Defendants pursuant to this Consent Decree shall  
20 be made in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and local rules and  
21 regulations;

22      **NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED BETWEEN THE  
23 SETTLING PARTIES, AND ORDERED AND DECREED BY THE COURT, AS  
24 FOLLOWS:**

25      1.       The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to  
26 Section 505(a)(1)(A) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(1)(A).

27      2.       Venue is appropriate in the Central District Court pursuant to Section  
28 505(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(c)(1), because the Orange County

1 Facilities and the Gardena Facilities at which the alleged violations took place are located  
2 within this District.

3       3. The amended complaint states claims upon which relief may be granted  
4 against the Defendants pursuant to Section 505 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C.  
5 § 1365.

6       4. Plaintiffs have standing to bring this action.

7       5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for purposes of enforcing  
8 the terms of this Consent Decree for the life of the Consent Decree, or as long thereafter  
9 as is necessary for the Court to resolve any motion to enforce this Consent Decree.

## 10      **I. OBJECTIVES**

11       6. It is the express purpose of the Settling Parties entering into this Consent  
12 Decree to further the objectives set forth in the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 *et*  
13 *seq.*, and to resolve those issues alleged by Plaintiffs in its 60-Day Notices and amended  
14 complaint.

15       7. In light of these objectives and as set forth fully below, Defendants agree to  
16 comply with the provisions of this Consent Decree, the Storm Water Permit, and all  
17 applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act at the Orange County Facilities and the  
18 Gardena Facilities.

## 19      **II. COMMITMENTS OF THE SETTLING PARTIES**

### 20      **A. Agency Review, Effective Date, and Term of Consent Decree**

21       8. **Agency Review:** Plaintiffs shall submit this Consent Decree to the United  
22 States Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (collectively  
23 “Federal Agencies”) within three (3) business days of the final signature of the Settling  
24 Parties for agency review consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 135.5. In the event that the Federal  
25 Agencies object to entry of this Consent Decree, the Settling Parties agree to meet and  
26 confer to attempt to resolve the issue(s) raised by the Federal Agencies within a  
27 reasonable amount of time. Following the Federal Agencies’ review, Plaintiffs shall  
28 submit the Consent Decree to the Court for entry.

1       9.     **Effective Date:** The Effective Date of this Consent Decree shall mean the day  
2 following the end of 45-day Federal Agencies review period described above or the date  
3 the Federal Agencies inform the Court that they have no objections to entry of this  
4 Consent Decree, whichever is sooner.

5       10.    **Term of Consent Decree:** This Consent Decree shall terminate on June 30,  
6 2020 as to the Orange County Facilities and the 100 Gardena Facility, and given the  
7 additional BMPs to be implemented at the 134 Gardena Facility, on June 30, 2022 as to  
8 the 134 Gardena Facility unless one of the Settling Parties has invoked Dispute  
9 Resolution in accordance with paragraph 39, in which case the Consent Decree will  
10 terminate within fifteen (15) days' notice by the Settling Party that invoked Dispute  
11 Resolution that the dispute has been fully resolved or as of the time when the Court's  
12 decision resolving the dispute is final and no longer subject to appeal, whichever is  
13 earlier.

14      10.1.    **Early Termination.** If a Defendant ceases industrial operations at  
15 any Facility and files a Notice of Termination ("NOT") under the  
16 Storm Water Permit prior to the termination of this Consent  
17 Decree, Defendant shall provide Plaintiffs with a copy of the NOT  
18 concurrent with its submittal to the Regional Water Board. Within  
19 ten (10) days of the Regional Water Board's approval of the NOT,  
20 Defendant shall provide written notification to Plaintiffs of the  
21 approval and remit all outstanding payments under the Consent  
22 Decree related to the Facility to Plaintiffs. Within ten (10) days of  
23 Plaintiffs' receipt of such notification, the Consent Decree will  
24 terminate as to the Facility for which the NOT was approved,  
25 unless one of the Settling Parties has invoked Dispute Resolution  
26 in accordance with the Dispute Resolution process described in  
27 paragraph 39, in which case the Consent Decree will terminate as  
28 to the Facility in accordance with paragraph 10.

1           **B. Discharges from the Facility to the Separate Storm Sewer**

2           **i. Best Management Practices for Storm water Discharges**

3           **11. Current and Additional Best Management Practices:** In addition to  
4 maintaining the current storm water BMPs at the Orange County Facilities and the  
5 Gardena Facilities, Defendants shall develop and implement the BMPs identified herein,  
6 as well as any other BMPs necessary to comply with the provisions of this Consent  
7 Decree and the Storm Water Permit. Specifically, Defendants shall develop and  
8 implement BMPs to prevent and/or reduce contamination in storm water discharges from  
9 the Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities consistent with use of BAT and  
10 BCT and/or in compliance with WQS.

11           **12. Non-Structural BMPs:** Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date,  
12 Defendants shall develop and implement the following non-structural BMPs at the  
13 Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities.

14           **12.1. Sweeping.** Institute a daily sweeping program using a dry vacuum  
15 sweeper, and a weekly sweeping program with a PM-10 compliant  
16 and/or wet/dry vacuum sweeper, covering all exterior areas of the  
17 site exposed to rainfall or runoff and accessible to the sweeper. To  
18 document compliance with this paragraph, Defendants will  
19 institute an established sweeping route map to be followed during  
20 daily sweepings, record the length of time of sweeper operation,  
21 and provide these records to Plaintiffs within fourteen (14) days of  
22 receipt of a written request;

23           **12.2. Vehicle Maintenance.** Any outdoor vehicle and equipment  
24 maintenance will be conducted in accordance with written  
25 standard operating and incident procedures to be developed  
26 consistent with the SWPPP and in a contained area, i.e., an area  
27 where any storm water runoff or non-storm water flow will be  
28 captured and used in the industrial process(es) according to the

- provisions of paragraphs 13 and 14;
- 12.3. **Vehicle Fueling.** Any outdoor vehicle fueling will be conducted in accordance with written standard operating and incident procedures to be developed consistent with the SWPPP and in a contained area, i.e., an area where any storm water runoff or non-storm water flow will be captured and used in the industrial process(es) according to the provisions of paragraphs 13 and 14;
- 12.4. **Vehicle Storage.** Place drip mats or pads beneath trucks and other Facility equipment likely to spill or leak while such equipment is not under cover and is idle for more than 1 hour;
- 12.5. **Source Controls.** Complete an evaluation of all outdoor storage of miscellaneous equipment, obsolete tooling, and/or miscellaneous materials, e.g., scrap metal, at the Facilities, and dispose of any miscellaneous equipment, obsolete tooling, and/or miscellaneous materials, e.g., scrap metal, no longer relevant to Defendant's operation. To the extent Defendants comply with this paragraph by disposing of miscellaneous equipment, obsolete tooling, and/or miscellaneous materials, e.g., scrap metal, currently stored outdoors at the Facilities, Defendants will comply with all applicable disposal requirements. Any outdoor storage of miscellaneous equipment, obsolete tooling, and/or miscellaneous materials, e.g., scrap metal, remaining following the evaluation required by this paragraph will be in areas designated by the SWPPP as outdoor storage areas only;
- 12.6. **Secondary Containment.** Defendants shall store all petroleum-based materials and wastes and all concrete additives and coloring agents that could come into contact with rainfall or runoff within secondary containment having a volume at least 110 percent of the

1                   contents of the largest vessel stored within the containment. Where  
2                   formal walled containment is not present around additives and/or  
3                   coloring agents, within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date,  
4                   Defendants shall provide data and calculations demonstrating that  
5                   low areas to which additives and coloring agents can drain meet  
6                   the 110 percent containment requirement;

7                 12.7. Defendants shall document implementation of the non-structural  
8                   BMPs required by this section by submitting amended SWPPPs  
9                   incorporating those BMPs as set forth in paragraph 23, below.

10                13. **Additional BMPs at 134 Gardena Facility:** A&A Ready Mixed Concrete,  
11 Inc. shall develop and implement the following structural BMP(s) at the 134 Gardena  
12 Facility.

13                13.1. Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date, A&A Ready Mixed  
14                   Concrete, Inc. shall submit a 134 Gardena BMP Plan to Plaintiffs  
15                   for review and comment.

16                13.2. The 134 Gardena BMP Plan shall, at a minimum include: (a) an  
17                   evaluation and description of, and a plan to eliminate, the existing  
18                   wash out and return pit and associated activities from Assessor  
19                   Parcel Numbers (APN) 6129-007-011 and 6129-007-012 and  
20                   move those activities to APNs 6129-007-022, 6129-007-023, and  
21                   6129-007-024 (jointly, the Concrete Reclamation Area) so that the  
22                   only industrial activities occurring in APNs 6129-007-011 and  
23                   6129-007-012 is vehicle or truck parking;<sup>1</sup> (b) an evaluation and  
24                   description of, and a plan to implement, storm water retention

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26                <sup>1</sup> In the event A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. proposes to conduct industrial activities  
27                   in addition to, or other than, the activities listed, the Settling Parties agree to meet and  
28                   confer to discuss A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.'s proposal and any related Consent  
Decree modifications.

BMP(s)<sup>2</sup> at the Concrete Reclamation Area designed to retain the maximum volume that can be retained within operating constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event based on the calculations that, at a minimum, specify (1) the drainage area contributing to the retention system, (2) the storm runoff volume associated with the maximum volume that can be retained within operating constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event; (3) the Concrete Reclamation Area's inlet, plan, and elevation views with dimensions, volume, and outlet; (4) the receiver of the discharge (e.g., municipal storm drain system, a receiving water body); (5) the volume of water to be pumped for use in the industrial process(es) during and following storm events; and (6) a quantitative hydrologic analysis, including use of site-specific runoff coefficients, that demonstrates how the retention capacity and 134 Gardena operating procedures will meet the design standard set out in this section; (c) an evaluation and description of, and a plan to implement, storm water retention BMP(s) at APN 6129-007-018 (the Shop Area) designed to retain the maximum volume that can be retained within operating constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event<sup>3</sup> based on the calculations that meet the requirements of section (b) above; (d) an evaluation and description of, and a plan to implement, temporary storm water retention BMP(s) designed to retain the maximum volume that can

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this Consent Decree “storm water retention BMP(s)” means: preventing surface discharge of storm water runoff through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and/or capture and use.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to review as set out herein, maximum storm water retention at the Shop Area is three (3) additional 5,000 gallon tanks.

1                   be retained within operating and physical property constraints  
2                   from APN 6129-007-017 (the Batch Plant Area)<sup>4</sup>; (e) an  
3                   evaluation and description of, and a plan to implement, BMP(s)  
4                   designed to achieve the numeric limits set out in Table 1 for all  
5                   discharges of storm water from areas of the 134 Gardena Facility  
6                   other than the Concrete Reclamation Area and the Shop Area,  
7                   including, but not limited to, review and evaluation of permanent  
8                   storm water retention of storm water from the Batch Plant area in  
9                   the Concrete Reclamation Area to retain the maximum volume  
10                  that can be retained above the 85th Percentile storm event within  
11                  operating and physical property constraints in the Batch Plant Area  
12                  to be described with a site drawing and regional retention BMPs  
13                  including with the County of Los Angeles; and (f) proposed  
14                  interim deadlines for completion of the elements of the 134  
15                  Gardena BMP Plan;

- 16                 13.3. Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days from receipt to provide  
17                 comments on the 134 Gardena BMP Plan to A&A Ready Mixed  
18                 Concrete, Inc.;
- 19                 13.4. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of comments from Plaintiffs,  
20                 Defendants shall incorporate Plaintiffs' comments into the 134  
21                 Gardena BMP Plan, or justify in writing why any comment is not  
22                 incorporated ("Final 134 Gardena BMP Plan");
- 23                 13.5. The Final 134 Gardena BMP Plan developed and implemented  
24                 pursuant to this Consent Decree is an obligation of this Consent  
25                 Decree;

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27                 <sup>4</sup> Subject to review as set out herein, temporary maximum storm water retention at the  
28                 Batch Plant Area is three (3) to four (4) 5,000 gallon tanks in the Concrete Reclamation  
Area.

- 1           13.6. Any disputes about the Final 134 Gardena BMP Plan shall be  
2           resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set out in  
3           Section III, below;
- 4           13.7. A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. shall complete implementation  
5           of the Final 134 Gardena BMP Plan within twenty-four (24)  
6           months of the Effective Date.
- 7           13.8. A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. may seek an extension(s) of the  
8           24-month deadline, such extension(s) not to be unreasonably  
9           withheld by Plaintiffs.

10          14. **Enhanced Storm Water Retention BMP:** Defendants shall augment the  
11        storm water retention BMP(s) at the Orange County Facilities and at the 100 Gardena  
12        Facility so that the retention BMP(s) are designed to retain the maximum volume that can  
13        be retained within operating constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event based on  
14        the calculations to be completed as follows.

- 15          14.1. Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall  
16        submit Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s) to Plaintiffs for  
17        review and comment. The Enhanced Storm Water Retention  
18        Plan(s) shall, at a minimum, specify: (a) the drainage area  
19        contributing to the retention system, (b) the storm runoff volume  
20        associated with the maximum volume that can be retained within  
21        operating constraints above the 85th Percentile storm event<sup>5</sup>; (c)  
22        the Facility's inlet, plan, and elevation views with dimensions,  
23        volume, and outlet; (d) the receiver of the discharge (e.g.,

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<sup>5</sup> Subject to review as set out herein, maximum storm water retention is as follows: four  
26        (4) additional 5,000 gallon tanks at Foothill Ranch Facility, four (4) additional 5,000  
27        gallon tanks at the back and replacement of two (2) smaller tanks with one (1) 5,000  
28        gallon tank at the front of the Fountain Valley Facility, and three (3) additional 5,000  
      gallon tanks at the 100 Gardena Facility.

municipal storm drain system, a receiving water body); (e) the volume of water to be pumped for use in the industrial process(es) during and following storm events; and (f) a quantitative hydrologic analysis, including use of site-specific run-off coefficients, that demonstrates how the retention capacity and Facility's operating procedures will meet the design standard set out in this section;

14.2. Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days from receipt to provide comments on the Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s) to Defendants;

14.3. Within ten (10) days of receipt of comments from Plaintiffs, Defendants shall incorporate Plaintiffs' comments into the Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s), or justify in writing why any comment is not incorporated ("Final Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s)");

14.4. The Final Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s) developed and implemented pursuant to this Consent Decree are an obligation of this Consent Decree;

14.5. Any disputes about the Final Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s) shall be resolved pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set out in Section III, below;

14.6. Defendants shall complete implementation of the Final Enhanced Storm Water Retention Plan(s) within two hundred and twenty (220) days of the Effective Date.

15. **Non-Storm Water Discharges:** As of the Effective Date, Defendants shall develop and implement BMPs designed to eliminate all unauthorized non-storm water discharges at the Orange County Facilities and at the Gardena Facilities.

1                   ii. **Storm water Discharge Points, Sampling, and Visual Observations**

2         16. **Storm water Discharge Points:** Defendants shall not discharge storm water  
3 from the Orange County Facilities or the 100 Gardena Facility in storm event(s) below or  
4 at storm event design standards established pursuant to paragraph 14, unless Consecutive  
5 Storm Events<sup>6</sup> occur that exceed a Facility's storm water capture capacity. A&A Ready  
6 Mixed Concrete, Inc. shall not discharge storm water from the Concrete Reclamation  
7 Area or the Shop Area after the Final 134 Gardena BMP Plan has been implemented, as  
8 described in paragraph 13, unless Consecutive Storm Events occur that exceed the  
9 Facility's storm water capture capacity. Defendants shall discharge storm water from the  
10 Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities from the following discharge points  
11 only:

- 12                 16.1.      SP-1 and SP-2 at the Fountain Valley Facility;  
13                 16.2.      SP-1 at the Foothill Ranch Facility;  
14                 16.3.      SP-1 at the 100 Gardena Facility;  
15                 16.4.      SP-1, SP-2, and SP-3 at the 134 Gardena Facility.

16         The specific locations of the discharge points described above are depicted on the site  
17 maps attached hereto as Exhibits 1 - 4.

18         17. **Rain Gauge:** Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall

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20         <sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this Consent Decree, "Consecutive Storm Events" means when the  
21 "total volume of storm water received" at a given facility in a given period exceeds the  
22 sum of that facility's "certified storm water retention volume" + "total storm water reuse"  
23 during the same period ("Total storm water reuse" = 30 gallons per yard of concrete \*  
24 total yards of concrete produced, and "certified storm water retention volume" is the  
25 Facility's storm water retention capacity, as certified in the Facility's Enhanced Storm  
26 Water Retention Plan or 134 Gardena BMP Plan). If Defendants rely on this  
27 "Consecutive Storm Events" definition to explain a storm water discharge from any given  
28 facility Defendants shall provide the following documentation: (1) "Total volume of  
storm water received," which equals Facility size (in sq. ft.) \* (total inches of rainfall  
received in the given period / 12) \* 7.48 gallons per cubic foot, (2) available storage  
volume at the outset of the storm (in gallons), which is to be estimated based on  
Defendants' best professional judgment, and (3) "total storm water reuse" in the process.

1 install a recording rain gauge capable of continuously recording rainfall at the Orange  
2 County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities to 0.01 inches. Defendants shall maintain the  
3 rain gauge in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations, maintain records of all  
4 maintenance, and provide rainfall and maintenance records within fourteen (14) days of a  
5 request by Plaintiffs.

6       18.     **Storm water Sampling:** Storm water monitoring procedures shall be  
7 implemented at the Orange County Facilities and the Gardena Facilities as follows:

8           18.1.     Frequency. During the 2017-2018 reporting year, Defendants shall  
9 collect at least four (4) samples of any stormwater discharge as a  
10 result of a Qualified Storm Event ("QSE"), as defined in Section  
11 XI(B)(1) and Section XI(B)(5) of the Stormwater Permit. For the  
12 remainder of the term of the Consent Decree, Defendants shall  
13 collect at least one (1) sample of a storm water discharge resulting  
14 from a QSE during the first half of the reporting year (July 1 to  
15 December 31) and at least one (1) sample from the second half of  
16 the reporting year (January 1 to June 30). If, however, prior to  
17 November 1 Defendants have not collected a sample from a storm  
18 water discharge resulting from a QSE at a Facility during the first  
19 half of the reporting year, Defendants shall collect a sample from a  
20 storm water discharge resulting from at least one (1) non-qualified  
21 storm event during operating hours. If, however, prior to March 1  
22 Defendants have not collected a sample from a QSE at a Facility  
23 during the second half of the reporting year, Defendants shall  
24 collect a sample from a storm water discharge resulting from at  
25 least one (1) non-qualified storm event during operating hours. To  
26 satisfy the requirements of this Consent Decree, samples collected  
27 during non-qualified storm events must have been collected during  
28 storm events that occurred at least 24 hours after a discharge but

1 not more than 48 hours after a discharge. Defendants shall also  
2 collect samples of any discharge of retained storm water at the  
3 time of the discharge;

4 18.2. Location. During the life of this Consent Decree, Defendants shall  
5 collect samples from all locations where storm water discharges  
6 from the Facilities, including the discharge points listed in  
7 paragraph 16 above;

8 18.3. Parameters. All storm water samples collected pursuant to this  
9 section shall be analyzed for the parameters listed in Table 1  
10 except to the extent that Defendants are entitled to reduce  
11 sampling according to paragraph 18.9;

12 18.4. Lab. A laboratory accredited by the State of California shall  
13 analyze all samples collected pursuant to this Consent Decree,  
14 excepting pH which will be analyzed onsite using pH test strips  
15 accurate within 0.2 pH units and with the ability to detect pH up to  
16 14 in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions unless two  
17 consecutive sampling events at a Facility are outside the range  
18 specified in Table 1, in which case Defendant shall thereafter use a  
19 calibrated portable instrument for pH in accordance with  
20 accompanying manufacturer's instructions at that Facility;

21 18.5. Detection Limit. The laboratory shall use analytical methods  
22 adequate to detect the individual contaminants at or below the  
23 values specified in Table 1;

24 18.6. Holding Time. All samples collected from the Facilities shall be  
25 delivered to the laboratory and analyzed within the holding times  
26 required in 40 C.F.R. Part 136, excepting pH which will be  
27 analyzed in accordance with paragraph 18.4, above;

28 18.7. Lab Reports. Defendants shall request that sample-analysis results

1 and associated chain of custody forms be reported to them within  
2 fourteen (14) days of laboratory receipt of the sample so long as  
3 Defendants incur no additional charge, otherwise Defendants will  
4 request that sample-analysis results and associated chain of  
5 custody forms be reported to them in the shortest time frame that  
6 would not result in additional charges;

- 7 18.8. Reports to Plaintiffs. Defendants shall provide the complete lab  
8 results and pH results of all samples collected at the Facility to  
9 Plaintiffs at the same time such results are required to be uploaded  
10 to SMARTS pursuant to Permit Section XI(B)(11);  
11 18.9. Sampling Reduction. Defendants may discontinue analyzing storm  
12 water samples collected pursuant to this Consent Decree at any  
13 discharge location(s) for a constituent listed in Table 1 if: (a) the  
14 sample result for the Table 1 constituent is not detected above the  
15 limits stated in Table 1 for three (3) consecutive sample results, (b)  
16 Defendants have collected and analyzed the sample pursuant to  
17 this Consent Decree, and (c) that constituent is not otherwise  
18 required to be analyzed pursuant to Section XI(B)(6) or Table 1 of  
19 the Storm Water Permit.

20 19. **Storm Water Discharge Observations:** During the life of this Consent  
21 Decree, Defendants shall conduct visual observations at each discharge location during  
22 every rain event that produces a discharge during operating hours as defined in the  
23 SWPPP, and shall conduct visual observations at each BMP developed pursuant to  
24 paragraph 13.2 or 14 during every rain event to confirm whether a discharge occurs.

25 20. **Non-Storm water Discharge Observations:** During the life of this Consent  
26 Decree, Defendants shall conduct monthly non-storm water visual observations at each  
27 discharge location.

28 21. **Visual Observations Records:** Defendants shall maintain observation records

1 to document compliance with paragraphs 19 and 20, and shall provide Plaintiffs with a  
2 copy of these records within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request from  
3 Plaintiffs for the records.

4                   **iii. Employee Training, SWPPP, and MIP**

5        22.     **Employee Training Program:** Within one hundred and eighty (180) days of  
6 the Effective Date, Defendants shall develop and implement an employee training  
7 program for employees responsible for implementing the SWPPP, MIP, and this Consent  
8 Decree at each Facility (“responsible employees”), including any training materials  
9 needed for effective implementation of the training program, for each Facility that meets  
10 the following requirements and ensures (1) that there is a sufficient number of employees  
11 at the Facilities designated to achieve compliance with the Storm Water Permit and this  
12 Consent Decree, and (2) that these employees are properly trained to perform the  
13 activities required by the Storm Water Permit and this Consent Decree (“Training  
14 Program”):

15                  22.1.     Language. Defendants shall conduct the Training Program in the  
16 language or languages in which all responsible employees  
17 participating are fluent;

18                  22.2.     BMP Training. Defendants shall train all responsible employees  
19 on the BMPs included in this Consent Decree and the SWPPP to  
20 ensure that BMPs are implemented effectively and on schedule  
21 and structural BMPs are maintained properly at the Facilities.  
22 Defendants shall train individual responsible employees on their  
23 specific responsibilities in implementing BMPs;

24                  22.3.     Sampling Training. Defendants shall designate an adequate  
25 number of responsible employees necessary to collect storm water  
26 samples as required by this Consent Decree. The Training  
27 Program shall include the proper sampling protocols to ensure  
28 storm water samples are properly collected, stored, and submitted

- to a certified laboratory;

22.4. Visual Observation Training. Defendants shall provide training on how and when to properly conduct visual observations to all employees responsible for performing visual observations at the Facilities;

22.5. Non-Storm Water Discharge Training. Defendants shall train all employees at the Facilities on the Storm Water Permit's prohibition of non-storm water discharges, so that employees know what non-storm water discharges are, that non-storm water discharges can result from improper surface washing or dust control methods, and how to detect and prevent non-storm water discharges;

22.6. Employees. All responsible employees at the Facilities shall participate in the Training Program within thirty (30) days of development of the Training Program and annually thereafter. New employees hired after the development of the Training Program shall participate in the Training Program within thirty (30) days of their hiring date;

22.7. Knowledgeable Representative. The Training Program shall be provided by a private consultant or Defendant representative who is Qualified Industrial Storm Water Practitioner ("QISP") certified and familiar with the requirements of this Consent Decree and the Storm Water Permit;

22.8. Training Records. Defendants shall maintain training records to document compliance with this section, and shall provide Plaintiffs with a copy of these records within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request; and

22.9. Integration of Training Program Updates into SWPPP. Defendants

1 shall update the SWPPP for each Facility, if and when appropriate,  
2 to identify the positions and persons responsible for carrying out  
3 storm water management, monitoring, sampling, and SWPPP  
4 implementation.

5 23. **SWPPP:** Within two hundred and ten (210) days of the Effective Date,  
6 Defendants shall amend the Facilities' SWPPPs to incorporate the requirements and  
7 BMPs set forth in this Consent Decree and submit the updated SWPPPs to Plaintiffs.

8 23.1. Plaintiffs' Review of SWPPP. Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days  
9 from receipt of the amended SWPPP to propose any changes.  
10 Within thirty (30) days of notification by Plaintiffs of any  
11 proposed changes to the SWPPP, Defendants shall make all of  
12 Plaintiffs' changes to the amended SWPPP or justify in writing  
13 why a change is not incorporated;

14 23.2. Defendants shall revise the SWPPP(s) if there are any material  
15 changes in a Facility's operations, including, but not limited to,  
16 changes to storm water discharge points or BMPs within forty-five  
17 (45) days of the changes, which will be subject to Plaintiffs'  
18 review and comment as provided in paragraph 23.1, above;

19 23.3. Compliance with the SWPPP, as amended and/or revised in  
20 accordance with this section, shall, at all times be a requirement of  
21 this Consent Decree.

22 24. **MIP:** Within two hundred and ten (210) days of the Effective Date,  
23 Defendants shall amend the Facilities' MIPs to incorporate the sampling and monitoring  
24 requirements set forth in this Consent Decree and submit the updated MIPs to Plaintiffs.

25 24.1. Plaintiffs' Review of MIPs. Plaintiffs shall have thirty (30) days  
26 from receipt of the amended MIP to propose any changes. Within  
27 thirty (30) days of notification by Plaintiffs of any proposed  
28 changes to the MIP, Defendants shall make all of Plaintiffs'

1 changes to the amended MIPs or justify in writing why a change is  
2 not incorporated;

3 24.2. Defendants shall revise a Facility's MIP if there are any material  
4 changes in a Facility's operations, including, but not limited to,  
5 changes to storm water discharge points or BMPs. These MIP  
6 revisions shall occur within forty-five (45) days of the changes,  
7 which will be subject to Plaintiffs' review and comment as  
8 provided in paragraph 24.1, above;

9 24.3. Compliance with the MIPs, as amended and/or revised in  
10 accordance with this section, shall, at all times be a requirement of  
11 this Consent Decree.

12 **C. Storm Water Action Plans**

13 25. **Storm Water Discharge Reduction:** After complete implementation of  
14 BMPs required by paragraphs 13.2(a), 13.2(b), 13.2(c), and/or 14, above, as applicable, if  
15 a storm water discharge from the Orange County Facilities, the 100 Gardena Facility,  
16 and/or the Concrete Reclamation Area and/or the Shop Area of the 134 Gardena Facility  
17 occurs Defendants shall either confirm in writing that the discharge resulted from a storm  
18 event above the design standard or Consecutive Storm Events exceeded the Facility's  
19 storm water capture capacity within ten (10) business days of the discharge, or pursuant  
20 to paragraph 26, below, shall develop and implement an action plan designed to achieve  
21 the design standards set out in paragraph 13.2 or paragraph 14, as applicable ("Retention  
22 Action Plan"). Any discharge from the Orange County Facilities or the Gardena Facilities  
23 resulting from a storm event at or below the design standards set out in paragraphs 13.2  
24 or 14, as applicable, that is not the result of Consecutive Storm Events that exceeded the  
25 Facility's storm water capture capacity shall be a violation of this Consent Decree.

26 26. In any reporting year that a Retention Action Plan is required, it shall be  
27 submitted one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of the discharge triggering  
28 the Retention Action Plan. At a minimum, a Retention Action Plan shall include:

- 1           26.1.     The location of the discharge;
- 2           26.2.     Sampling results from the discharge;
- 3           26.3.     An assessment of the size of the storm event that resulted in the  
4           discharge;
- 5           26.4.     The identification of additional BMPs, including an evaluation of  
6           increased storm water retention BMP(s), that are designed to  
7           achieve compliance with the storm water design standards set out  
8           in paragraph 13.2 or 14, as applicable; and
- 9           26.5.     Time schedules for implementation of the proposed BMPs so long  
10          as the time schedule(s) for implementation ensures that all  
11          Retention Action Plan measures are implemented as soon as  
12          feasible, but in no case later than October 1 of the next reporting  
13          year. Defendant may seek an extension of the October 1 deadline  
14          to implement structural BMPs for any storm water discharge that  
15          occurred between January 1 and June 30, such extension not to be  
16          unreasonably withheld by Plaintiffs.

17       **27. Storm Water Contaminant Reduction:** After complete implementation of  
18       the BMPs required by paragraph 13.2(e), if a storm water sample from the same sampling  
19       location for two (2) consecutive sampling events collected from storm water discharges  
20       from areas of the 134 Gardena Facility other than the Concrete Reclamation Area and the  
21       Shop Area contains concentrations of pollutants above the numeric limits set out in Table  
22       1, below, pursuant to paragraph 28, below, A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc. shall  
23       develop and implement an action plan designed to achieve the numeric limit(s)  
24       ("Contaminant Reduction Action Plan"). Defendants will not be in violation of the  
25       Consent Decree based on an exceedance of a Table 1 Numeric Limit in storm water  
26       discharge samples so long as those numeric limits are not incorporated in the Storm  
27       Water Permit.

1       28. In any reporting year that a Contaminant Reduction Action Plan is required, it  
2 shall be submitted one hundred and twenty (120) days from A&A Ready Mixed  
3 Concrete, Inc.'s receipt of a storm water sample lab report demonstrating storm water  
4 sample results triggering an Action Plan as described in paragraph 27. At a minimum, a  
5 Contaminant Reduction Action Plan shall include:

- 6           28.1. The identification of the contaminant(s) discharged in excess of  
7                   the Table 1 numeric limit(s);
- 8           28.2. An assessment of the source for each contaminant exceedance,  
9                   including but not limited to any outdoor material storage areas and  
10                  any outdoor vehicle and equipment maintenance areas;
- 11           28.3. The identification of additional BMPs, including an evaluation of  
12                  storm water treatment, that are designed to achieve compliance  
13                  with the Table 1 numeric limit(s); and
- 14           28.4. Time schedules for implementation of the proposed BMPs so long  
15                  as the time schedule(s) for implementation ensures that all  
16                  Contaminant Reduction Action Plan measures are implemented as  
17                  soon as feasible, but in no case later than October 1 of the next  
18                  reporting year. Defendant may seek an extension of the October 1  
19                  deadline to implement structural BMPs for any storm water  
20                  discharge that occurred between January 1 and June 30, such  
21                  extension not to be unreasonably withheld by Plaintiffs.

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2                   **Table 1**  
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Contaminant	Numeric Limit <b>(All but pH expressed as mg/L; hardness-dependent limits in bold)</b>	Source
Total Suspended Solids	100	EPA Benchmark <sup>7</sup>
Oil and Grease (O&G)	15	EPA Benchmark
Chemical Oxygen Demand	120	EPA Benchmark
Total Recoverable Aluminum	0.75	EPA Benchmark
Nitrate Plus Nitrite-Nitrogen	0.68	EPA Benchmark
Total Recoverable Iron	1.0	EPA Benchmark
Total Recoverable Zinc	<b>0.0696</b>	Dominguez Channel TMDL <sup>8</sup>
Total Recoverable Lead	<b>0.0427</b>	Dominguez Channel TMDL
Total Recoverable Copper	<b>0.0097</b>	Dominguez Channel TMDL
pH	6.5 to 8.5 s.u.	Basin Plan

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17                   **29. Plaintiffs' Review of Retention or Contaminant Reduction Action Plans:**18                   Plaintiffs shall have forty-five (45) days from receipt of any Action Plan(s) to propose  
1920                   <sup>7</sup> The EPA Benchmarks are from EPA's 2015 Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm  
water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity (MSGP).21                   <sup>8</sup> The Dominguez Channel TMDL limits are from the 2011 Total Maximum Daily Load  
22 for Toxic Pollutants in Dominguez Channel and Greater Los Angeles and Long Beach  
23 Harbor Waters. The limits apply to total recoverable, copper, lead, and zinc. Thus,  
24 Defendants shall measure those forms of the metals at the Gardena Facilities. The limits  
25 are based on a median total hardness of 50 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub> as measured in the freshwater  
26 reach of Dominguez Channel. The Parties acknowledge that the State Water Resources  
27 Control Board (State Board) plans to re-open the Storm Water Permit to include TMDL  
28 limits for industrial dischargers during the term of this Consent Decree. The Settling  
Parties agree to meet and confer to amend the requirements of this Consent Decree to  
meet the final TMDL limits set forth by the State Board if they differ from the values set  
forth in Table 1.

1 revisions. Within thirty (30) days of receiving Plaintiffs proposed revisions, Defendants  
2 shall consider each of Plaintiffs' recommended revisions to an Action Plan(s), and accept  
3 them or justify in writing why any comment is not incorporated. Action Plan(s)  
4 developed and implemented pursuant to this Consent Decree are an obligation of this  
5 Consent Decree.

6 **D. Consent Decree Compliance Monitoring and Reporting**

7 30. **Site Inspections:** During the Term of this Consent Decree, Defendants shall  
8 permit representatives of Plaintiffs to perform one (1) physical inspection ("Site  
9 Inspection") per year of the Orange County Facilities and of the 100 Gardena Facility  
10 during operating hours, except in the event there is a storm water discharge from these  
11 facilities that triggers the need to prepare a Retention Action Plan, then Plaintiffs shall be  
12 permitted to perform one (1) additional Site Inspection in that reporting year at the  
13 Facility(ies) where the discharge occurred. Plaintiffs shall be permitted to perform two  
14 (2) Site Inspections per year of the 134 Gardena Facility. Plaintiffs shall provide  
15 Defendants five (5) business days' notice for dry weather Site Inspections and two (2)  
16 business days' notice for wet weather Site Inspections. Defendants shall have the right to  
17 request an alternative date for said inspection that is within ten (10) days of the date  
18 noticed by Plaintiffs, unless Plaintiffs have noticed a wet weather Site Inspection.  
19 Plaintiffs shall comply with all safety instructions provided to Plaintiffs by Defendants'  
20 staff during all Site Inspections. During Site Inspections, Plaintiffs shall be allowed to  
21 inspect any SWPPPs, MIPs, and logs, sample any storm water discharges, and take  
22 photos and/or videos.

23 31. **Document Provision:** During the term of this Consent Decree, Defendants  
24 shall provide Plaintiffs with a copy of all documents and communications related to the  
25 Storm Water Permit submitted to the Regional Water Board, the State Water Board,  
26 and/or any Federal, State, local agency, county, or municipality. Such documents and  
27 reports shall be transmitted to Plaintiffs concurrently as they are sent to the agencies  
28 and/or municipalities. Any correspondence related to the Storm Water Permit received by

1 Defendants from any Federal, State, local agency, county, or municipality shall be  
2 provided to Plaintiffs via email within three (3) business days of receipt by Defendants.

3       **32. Compliance Monitoring and Oversight:** Defendants agree to partially defray  
4 Plaintiffs' monitoring of Defendants' compliance with this Consent Decree in the amount  
5 of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) with \$20,000.00 to be paid to Orange  
6 County Coastkeeper and \$25,000.00 to be paid to Los Angeles Waterkeeper. The  
7 payments, in full, shall be made within ten (10) business days of entry of the Consent  
8 Decree by the Court. The payment due to Orange County Coastkeeper shall be made  
9 payable to: "Orange County Coastkeeper" and delivered by overnight mail, unless made  
10 by wire transfer, to Coastkeeper, 3151 Airway Avenue, Suite F-110, Costa Mesa, CA  
11 92626. The payment due to Los Angeles Waterkeeper shall be made payable to: "Los  
12 Angeles Waterkeeper" and delivered by overnight mail to Los Angeles Waterkeeper, 120  
13 Broadway, Suite 105, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

14       **33. Action Plan Payments:** If Defendants are required to submit an Action  
15 Plan(s) to Plaintiffs pursuant to this Consent Decree, Defendants shall make an Action  
16 Plan payment of \$4,500.00 per Action Plan. Action Plan(s) related to the Orange County  
17 Facilities shall be made payable to: "Orange County Coastkeeper" and delivered by  
18 overnight mail, unless made by wire transfer, to Orange County Coastkeeper, 3151  
19 Airway Avenue, Suite F-110, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Action Plan(s) related to the  
20 Gardena Facilities shall be made payable to: "Los Angeles Waterkeeper" and delivered  
21 by overnight mail to Los Angeles Waterkeeper, 120 Broadway, Suite 105, Santa Monica,  
22 CA 90401. Payment shall be made contemporaneous with the submittal of the Action  
23 Plan(s).

24       **E. Environmental Mitigation, Litigation Fees And Costs, Stipulated**  
25                   **Penalties, and Interest**

26       **34. Environmental Mitigation Project:** To remediate environmental harms  
27 resulting from allegations in the complaint, Defendants agree to make a payment of  
28 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be paid to the Wetland & Wildlife Care

1 Center and Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) to be paid to FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine  
2 Aquarium. These mitigation project fund payments will fund environmental project  
3 activities that will benefit the Southern California bight, and including specifically the  
4 Orange County and Los Angeles County watersheds. The payments, in full, shall be  
5 made within ten (10) business days of entry of the Consent Decree by the Court. The  
6 payment due to the Wetland & Wildlife Care Center shall be made by check sent  
7 overnight mail or via wire transfer, to: 21900 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach,  
8 California 92646. The payment due to FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium shall be  
9 made payable to: "FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium" C/O Caroline Brady and  
10 delivered by overnight mail to 3720 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731.  
11 Defendants shall provide Plaintiffs with a copy of such payment at the time it is made.  
12 The mitigation payment recipients listed in this paragraph shall report how the funds are  
13 used, or if they are awarded as grants to a third party, the recipient and/or purpose of  
14 grants made with the funds tendered, pursuant to this paragraph to the U.S. Department  
15 of Justice and the Settling Parties.

16       **35. Plaintiffs' Litigation Costs:** To partially reimburse Plaintiffs for their  
17 investigation fees and costs, expert/consultant fees and costs, reasonable attorneys' fees,  
18 and other costs incurred as a result of investigating and filing the lawsuit, and negotiating  
19 this Consent Decree, Defendants shall pay a total of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
20 (\$200,000.00). The payment, in full, shall be made within ten (10) business days of entry  
21 of the Consent Decree by the Court, payable to: "Orange County Coastkeeper" and  
22 delivered by overnight mail, unless made by wire transfer, to Orange County  
23 Coastkeeper, 3151 Airway Avenue, Suite F-110, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

24       **36. Stipulated Penalties:** Defendants shall make a remediation payment of One  
25 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each missed deadline included in the Consent Decree  
26 (defined as the applicable due date, plus three days) or the failure to collect a storm water  
27 sample required under this Consent Decree after the Effective Date. Payments due  
28 pursuant to this paragraph with respect to the Orange County Facilities shall be made to

1 the Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center. Payments due pursuant to this paragraph with  
2 respect to the Gardena Facilities shall be made to FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine  
3 Aquarium. Defendants agree to make the stipulated payment within thirty (30) days of a  
4 missed deadline. Defendants shall provide Plaintiffs with a copy of each such payment at  
5 the time it is made.

6       **37. Interest on Late Payments:** Defendants shall pay interest on any payments,  
7 including fee or costs owed to Plaintiffs under this Consent Decree that Plaintiffs has not  
8 received by the date due. The interest shall accrue starting the first day after the payment  
9 is due and shall be computed at the U.S. Prime Rate plus 5% per year.

10 **III. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

11       38. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the life of the Consent  
12 Decree for the purposes of enforcing its terms and conditions, and adjudicating all  
13 disputes among the Settling Parties that may arise under the provisions of the Consent  
14 Decree. The Court shall have the authority to enforce this Consent Decree with all  
15 available legal and equitable remedies, including contempt.

16       39. If a dispute under this Consent Decree arises or the Settling Parties believe  
17 that a breach of this Consent Decree has occurred, they shall follow the following  
18 procedure:

19           39.1. Meet and Confer. A Settling Party invokes the dispute resolution  
20 procedures of this Section by notifying in writing the other  
21 Settling Party of the matter(s) in dispute. The Settling Parties shall  
22 schedule a meet and confer in good faith (either telephonically or  
23 in person) within ten (10) days from the date of the notice. The  
24 Settling Parties may elect to extend this time in an effort to resolve  
25 the dispute without court intervention;

26           39.2. Settlement Conference. If the Settling Parties fail to meet and  
27 confer, or cannot resolve a dispute through the informal meet and  
28 confer process, the Settling Parties agree to request a settlement

1 meeting or conference before the Magistrate Judge assigned to this  
2 action. The Settling Parties agree to file any waivers necessary for  
3 the Magistrate Judge to preside over any settlement meeting or  
4 conference;

5 39.3. **Motion.** In the event that the Settling Parties cannot resolve the  
6 dispute within sixty (60) days of the initial settlement meeting or  
7 conference with the Magistrate Judge, the Settling Parties agree  
8 that the dispute may be submitted for formal resolution by filing a  
9 motion before the United States District Court for the Central  
10 District of California. The Settling Parties agree to request an  
11 expedited hearing schedule on the motion.

12 40. The Settling Parties shall be entitled to seek fees and costs incurred in the  
13 informal and formal Dispute Resolution process described in this section pursuant to the  
14 provisions set forth in Section 505(d) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1365(d), and  
15 applicable case law interpreting such provisions.

#### 16 **IV. MUTUAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

17 41. **Plaintiffs' Waiver and Release of Defendants:** Plaintiffs, on their own  
18 behalf, and on behalf of their officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries,  
19 affiliates and each of their successors and assigns, release Defendants, their officers,  
20 directors, employees, members, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns,  
21 agents, attorneys and other representatives, from and waives all claims raised in the 60-  
22 Day Notices and/or the amended complaint up to the termination date.

23 42. **Defendants' Waiver and Release of Plaintiffs:** Defendants, on their own  
24 behalf, and on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, members, parents, subsidiaries,  
25 affiliates, or their successors or assigns, release Plaintiffs and their officers, directors,  
26 employees, members, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and each of their successors  
27 and assigns from, and waives all claims related to the 60-Day Notices and/or the  
28 amended complaint up to the termination date.

1       43. Nothing in this Consent Decree limits or otherwise affects the Settling  
2 Parties' rights to address or take any position that they deem necessary or appropriate in  
3 any formal or informal proceeding before the State Water Board, Regional Water Board,  
4 EPA, or any other judicial or administrative body on any matter relating to Defendants'  
5 compliance with the Storm Water Permit or the Clean Water Act occurring or arising  
6 after the Effective Date.

7       **V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

8       44. **No Admission of Liability:** Neither this Consent Decree, the implementation  
9 of additional BMPs or any payment pursuant to the Consent Decree shall constitute or be  
10 construed as a finding, admission, or acknowledgement of any fact, law, rule, or  
11 regulation. Defendants maintain and reserve all defenses they may have to any alleged  
12 violations that may be raised in the future.

13       45. **Execution in Counterparts:** The Consent Decree may be executed in any  
14 number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one original document.  
15 Telecopy, email of a pdf signature, and/or facsimile copies of original signature shall be  
16 deemed to be originally executed counterparts of this Consent Decree.

17       46. **Signatures:** The Settling Parties' signatures to this Consent Decree  
18 transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail transmission shall be deemed binding.

19       47. **Construction:** The language in all parts of this Consent Decree shall be  
20 construed according to its plain and ordinary meaning, except as to those terms defined in  
21 the Storm Water Permit, the Clean Water Act, or specifically herein. The captions and  
22 paragraph headings used in this Consent Decree are for reference only and shall not affect  
23 the construction of this Consent Decree.

24       48. **Authority to Sign:** The undersigned representatives for Plaintiffs and  
25 Defendants each certify that he/she is fully authorized by the Settling Party whom he/she  
26 represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree.

27       49. **Integrated Consent Decree:** This is an integrated Consent Decree. This  
28 Consent Decree is intended to be a full and complete statement of the terms of the

1 agreement between the Settling Parties and expressly supersedes any and all prior oral or  
2 written agreements, covenants, representations and warranties, express or implied, oral or  
3 written, of the Settling Parties concerning the subject matter of this Consent Decree.

4       **50. Severability:** In the event that any provision, paragraph, section, or sentence  
5 of this Consent Decree is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the  
6 enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.

7       **51. Choice of Law:** This Consent Decree shall be governed by the laws of the  
8 United States.

9       **52. Full Settlement:** This Consent Decree constitutes a full and final settlement  
10 of this matter.

11       **53. Diligence:** Defendants shall diligently file and pursue all required permit  
12 applications for any structural BMPs required under this Consent Decree, and shall  
13 diligently procure contractors, labor, and materials needed to complete such structural  
14 BMPs by the required deadlines.

15       **54. Negotiated Agreement:** The Settling Parties have negotiated this Consent  
16 Decree, and agree that it shall not be construed against the party preparing it, but shall be  
17 construed as if the Settling Parties jointly prepared this Consent Decree, and any  
18 uncertainty and ambiguity shall not be interpreted against any one party.

19       **55. Modification of the Agreement:** This Consent Decree, and any provisions  
20 herein, may not be changed, waived, or discharged, or terminated unless by a written  
21 instrument, signed by each of the Settling Parties and approved by the Court. Any request  
22 to modify any provision(s) of the Consent Decree, including but not limited any  
23 deadline(s) set out herein, must be made in writing at least five (5) business days before  
24 an existing deadline(s) applicable to the provision(s) proposed to be modified.

25       **56. Assignment:** Subject only to the express restrictions contained in this  
26 Consent Decree, all of the rights, duties and obligations contained in this Consent Decree  
27 shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Settling Parties, and their successors  
28 and assigns. Defendants shall notify Plaintiffs within ten (10) days of any assignment, in

1 conformity with the paragraph below.

2       **57. Notices and Submissions:** Any notices or documents required or provided  
3 for by this Consent Decree or related thereto that are to be provided to Plaintiffs pursuant  
4 to this Consent Decree shall be, to the extent feasible, sent via electronic mail  
5 transmission to the e-mail address listed below or, if electronic mail transmission is not  
6 feasible, via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt, or by hand delivery to the following  
7 address:

8           Colin Kelly

9           Sarah Spinuzzi

10           Email: [colin@coastkeeper.org](mailto:colin@coastkeeper.org)

11           Email: [sarah@coastkeeper.org](mailto:sarah@coastkeeper.org)

12           Orange County Coastkeeper

13           3151 Airway Avenue

14           Suite F-110

15           Costa Mesa, CA 92626

16           Arthur Pugsley

17           Melissa Kelly

18           Los Angeles Waterkeeper

19           Email: [arthur@lawaterkeeper.org](mailto:arthur@lawaterkeeper.org)

20           Email: [melissa@lawaterkeeper.org](mailto:melissa@lawaterkeeper.org)

21           120 Broadway, Suite 105

22           Santa Monica, California 90401

23           With copies to:

24           Bruce Reznik

25           Executive Director

26           Email: [bruce@lawaterkeeper.org](mailto:bruce@lawaterkeeper.org)

27           Los Angeles Waterkeeper

28           120 Broadway, Suite 105

29           Santa Monica, California 90401

30           Unless requested otherwise by Defendants, any notices or documents required or  
31 provided for by this Consent Decree or related thereto that are to be provided to  
32 Defendants pursuant to this Consent Decree shall, to the extent feasible, be provided by

1 electronic mail transmission to the e-mail addresses listed below, or, if electronic mail  
2 transmission is not feasible, by certified U.S. Mail with return receipt, or by hand  
3 delivery to the addresses below:

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5 Mr. Randy Caillier  
A & A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.  
6 Email: [RCaillier@aareadymix.com](mailto:RCaillier@aareadymix.com)  
7 4621 Teller Avenue #130  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
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9 With copies to:

10 Mr. Alex Nichols  
A & A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.  
11 Email: [ANichols@aareadymix.com](mailto:ANichols@aareadymix.com)  
12 4621 Teller Avenue #130  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
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15 Mr. Kurt Caillier  
Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.  
16 Email: [KCaillier@assocrmc.com](mailto:KCaillier@assocrmc.com)  
17 4621 Teller Avenue #130  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
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19 With copies to:

20 Mr. Alex Nichols  
Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.  
21 Email: [ANichols@assocrmc.com](mailto:ANichols@assocrmc.com)  
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Newport Beach, CA 92660  
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24 Notifications of electronic communications shall be deemed submitted on the date  
25 that they are emailed. Notice by U.S. Mail shall be deemed submitted three (3) business  
26 days after mailing. Notice by overnight mail / delivery shall be deemed submitted one (1)  
27 business day after being deposited with an overnight mail/delivery service. Any change  
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1 of address or addresses shall be communicated in the manner described above for giving  
2 notices.

3       **58. Deadlines Falling on Non-Business Days:** Any deadlines relating to this  
4 Consent Decree which fall on the weekend or on a federal holiday shall be extended to  
5 the following business day.

6       **59. Force Majeure:** No Party shall be considered to be in default in the  
7 performance of any of its obligations under this Consent Decree when performance  
8 becomes impossible due to a Force Majeure event. A Force Majeure event is any  
9 circumstances beyond a Settling Party's control, including without limitation, any act of  
10 God, war, fire, earthquake, flood, windstorm, or natural catastrophe; civil disturbance,  
11 vandalism, sabotage, or terrorism; restraint by court order or public authority or agency;  
12 or action or non-action by, or inability to obtain the necessary authorizations or approvals  
13 from any governmental agency. A Force Majeure event shall not include normal  
14 inclement weather, economic hardship, inability to pay, employee negligence or  
15 misconduct, or Defendants' inability to obtain authorization or permission from the  
16 owner(s) of the real property where the Facilities are located for meeting compliance  
17 and/or settlement obligation(s). Any party seeking to rely upon this paragraph to excuse  
18 or postpone performance shall have the burden of establishing that it could not  
19 reasonably have been expected to avoid the Force Majeure event and which by exercise  
20 of due diligence has been unable to overcome the failure of performance. The  
21 Settling Parties shall exercise due diligence to resolve and remove any Force Majeure  
22 event.

23           The Settling Parties hereto enter into this Consent Decree and submit it to the  
24 Court for its approval and entry as a final judgment.

25           **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have executed this Consent Decree  
26 as of the date first set forth below.

27           **APPROVED AS TO CONTENT**

1 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

By:\_\_\_\_\_

2 Garry Brown  
Orange County Coastkeeper

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4 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

By:\_\_\_\_\_

5 Bruce Reznik  
6 Los Angeles Waterkeeper

7 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

8 By:\_\_\_\_\_

9 Kurt Caillier  
Associated Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.

10 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

11 By:\_\_\_\_\_

12 Randy Caillier  
A&A Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM

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15 LAWYERS FOR CLEAN WATER, INC.

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17 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

18 By:\_\_\_\_\_

19 Caroline Koch  
20 Attorney for Plaintiffs

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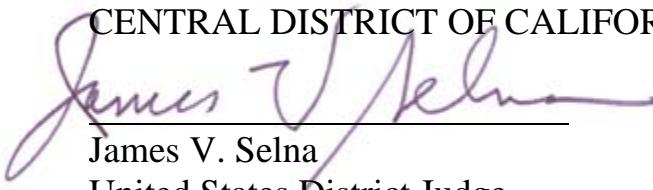
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Attorney for Defendants

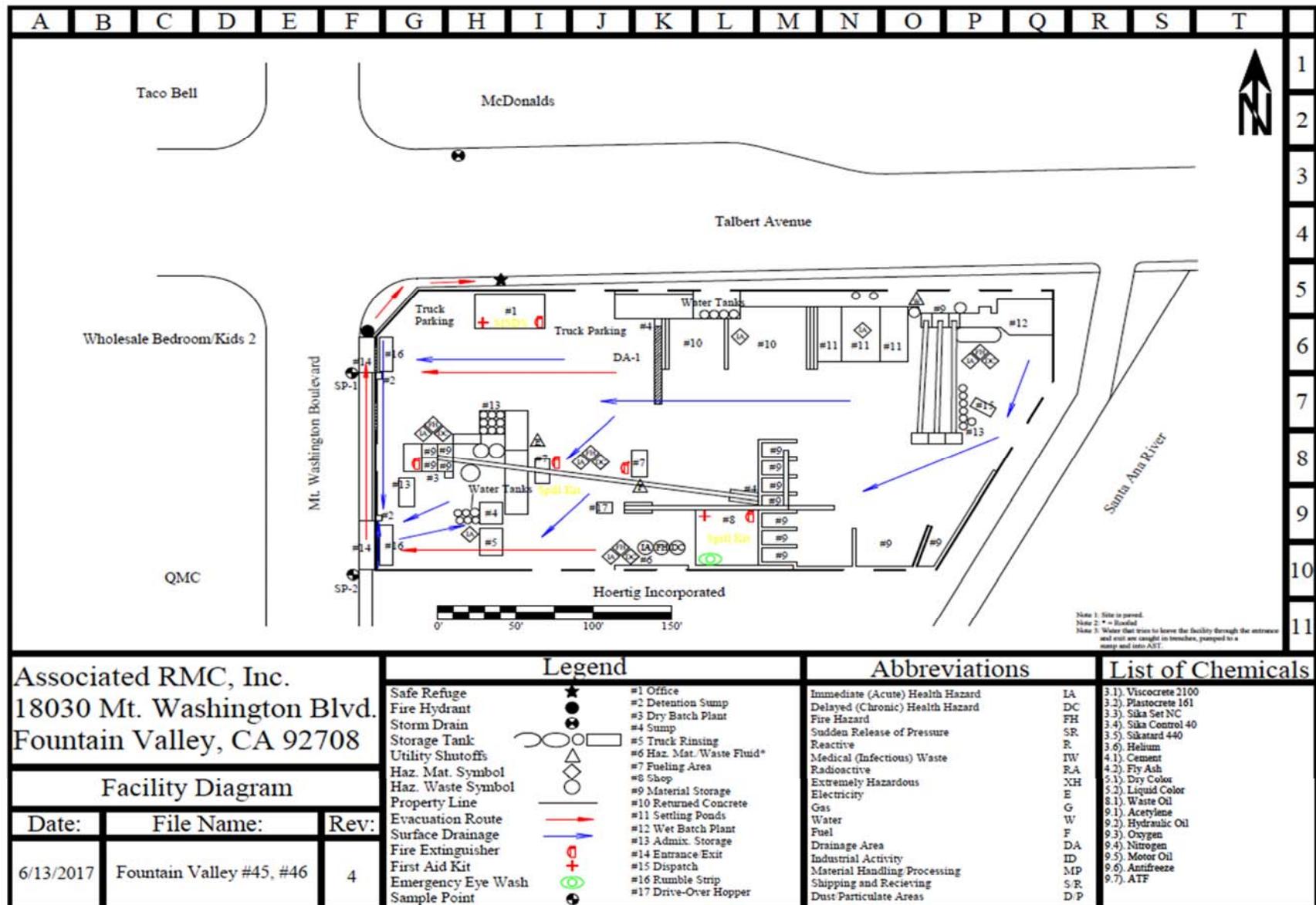
**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: November 17, 2017

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

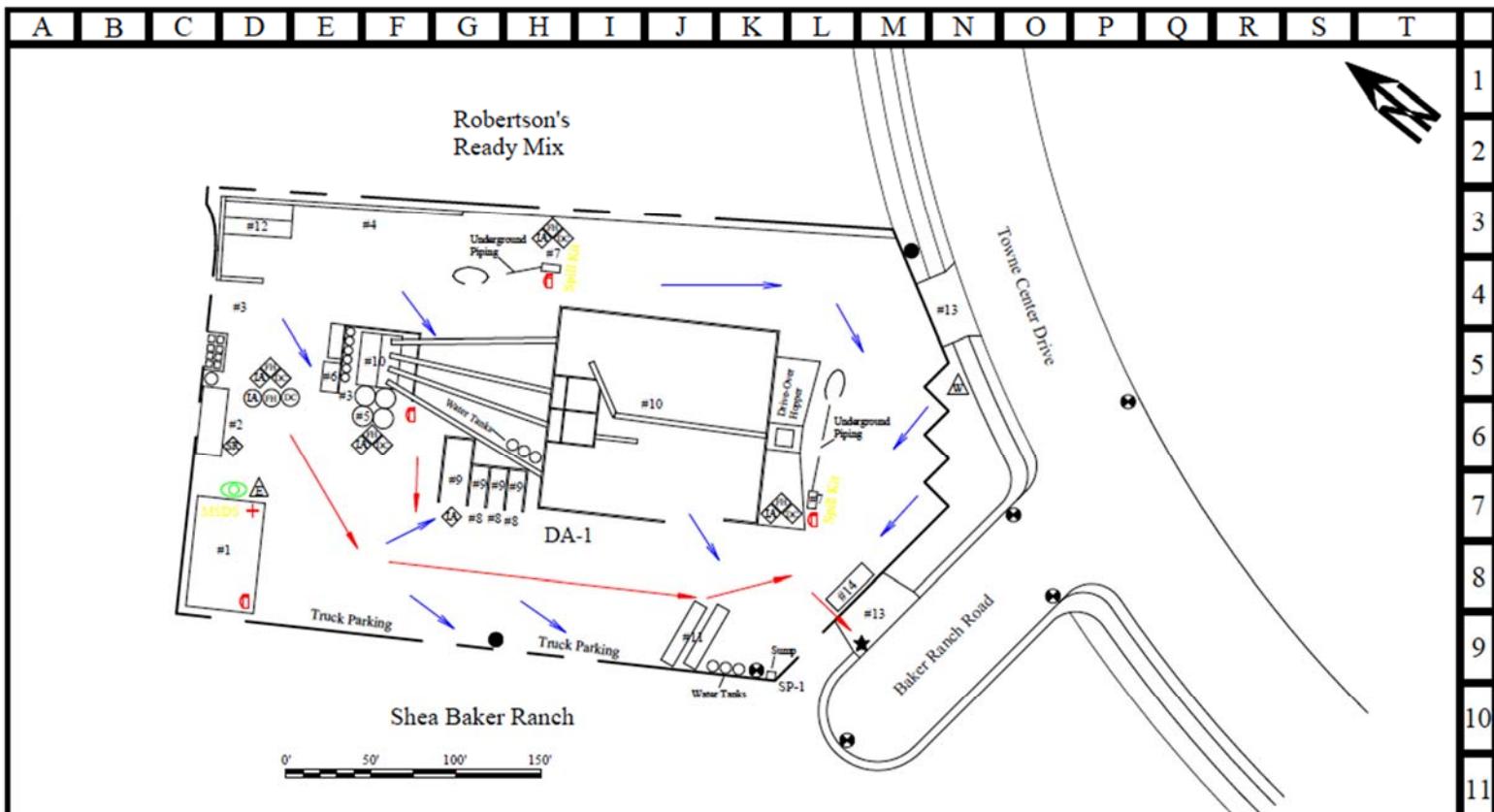
  
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James V. Selna  
United States District Judge

## Exhibit 1 – Fountain Valley Facility Site Map



**Exhibit 1**

## Exhibit 2 – Foothill Ranch Facility Site Map



Associated RMC Inc. 25901 Towne Centre Drive Foothill Ranch, CA 92610		
<b>Facility Diagram</b>		
Date:	File Name:	Rev:
6/01/2017	Lake Forest #55, #56	5

### Legend

Safe Refuge	★	#1 Lab/Office
Fire Hydrant	●	#2 Office Storage
Storm Drain	●●	#3 Admix./Color Storage
Storage Tank	○○○	#4 Returned Concrete
Utility Shutoffs	△	#5 Batch Plant
Haz. Mat. Symbol	◆	#6 Haz. Mat./Waste Fluid*
Haz. Waste Symbol	○○	#7 Fueling Area
Property Line	—	#8 Truck Rinsing
Evacuation Route	→	#9 Settling Ponds
Surface Drainage	→	#10 Material Storage
Fire Extinguisher	■	#11 Equipment Storage
First Aid Kit	■■	#12 Transfer Ramp
Emergency Eye Wash	●●	#13 Entrance/Exit
Sample Point	●	#14 Rumble Strip

### Abbreviations

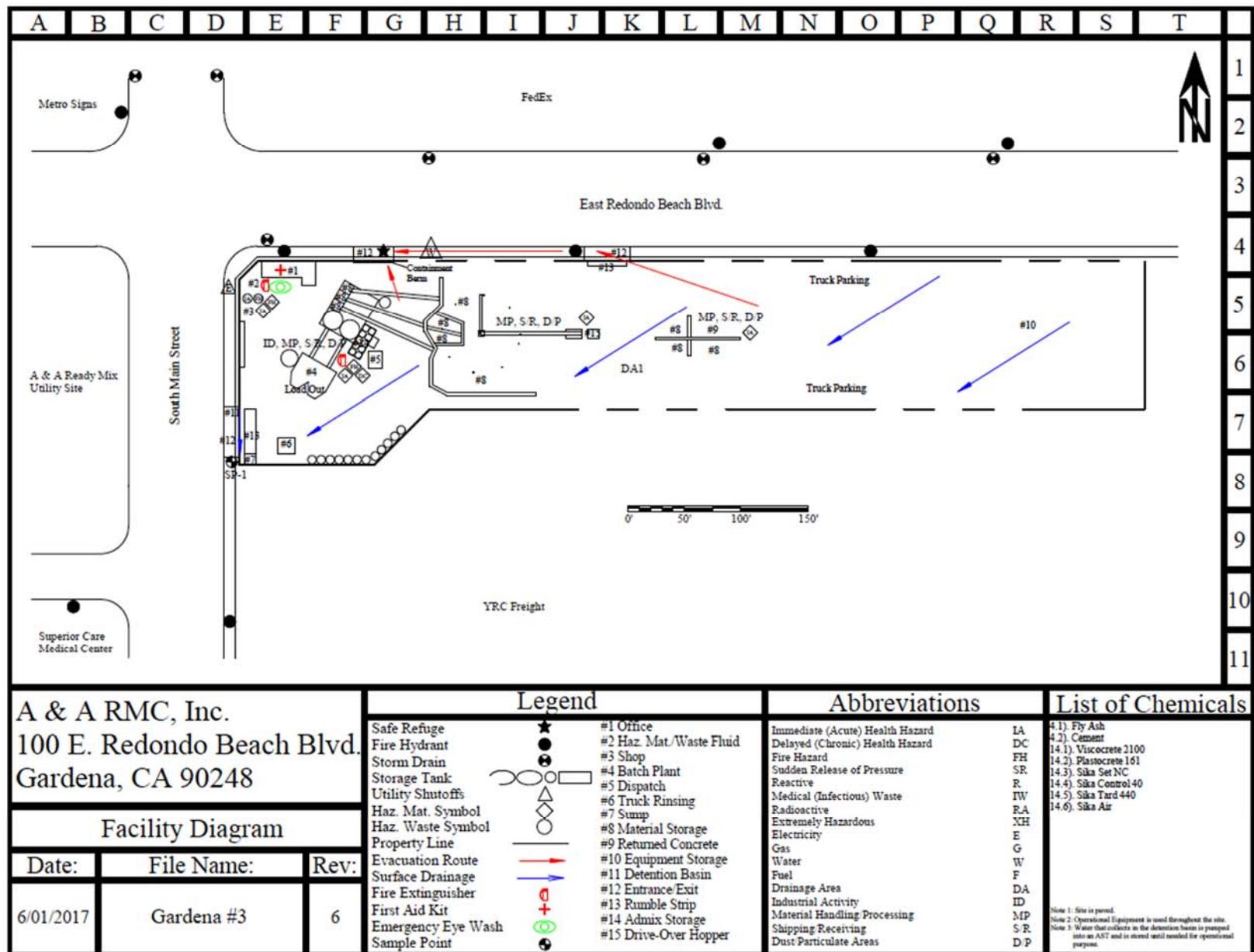
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Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard	DC
Fire Hazard	FH
Sudden Release of Pressure	SR
Reactive	R
Medical (Infectious) Waste	IW
Radioactive	RA
Extremely Hazardous	XH
Electricity	E
Gas	G
Water	W
Fuel	F
Drainage Area	DA
Industrial Activity	ID
Material Handling/Processing	MP
Shipping and Receiving	S.R
Dust Particulate Areas	D.P

### List of Chemicals

Note 1: \* = Required  
Note 2: ■ = Roofed  
Note 3: Operational Equipment is used throughout the site

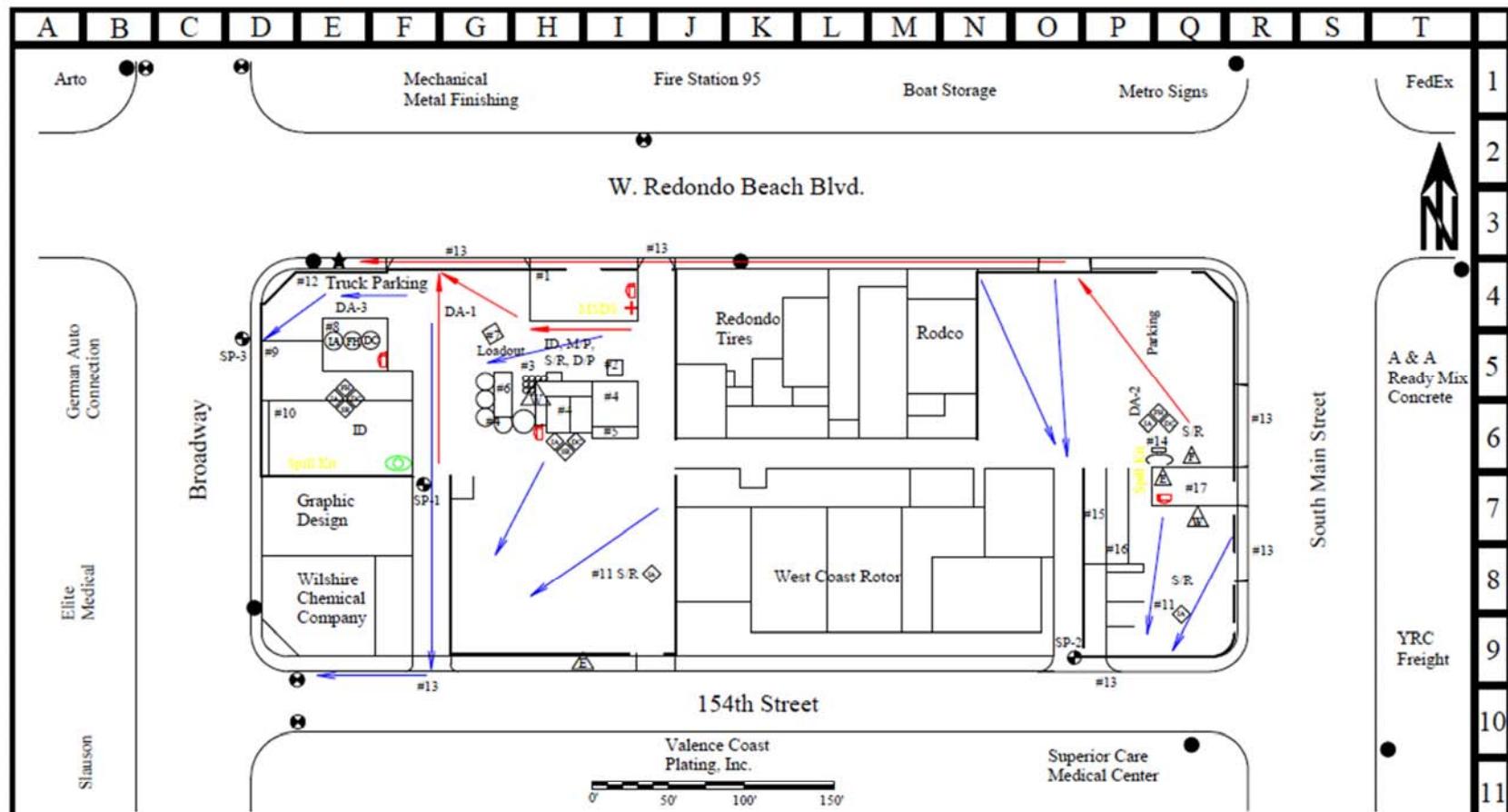
**Exhibit 2**

### Exhibit 3 – 100 Gardena Facility Site Map



**Exhibit 3**

Exhibit 4 – 134 Gardena Facility Site Map



A & A RMC, Inc.  
134 W. Redondo Beach Blvd  
Gardena, CA 90248

Facility Diagram

Date:	File Name:	Rev:
6/13/2017	Gardena #1 & Utility	3

Legend	
Safe Refuge	★
Fire Hydrant	●
Storm Drain	● ●
Storage Tank	○ ○
Utility Shut-offs	△
Haz. Mat. Symbol	◇
Haz. Waste Symbol	○
Property Line	—
Evacuation Route	→
Surface Drainage	→
Fire Extinguisher	□
First Aid Kit	+
Emergency Eye Wash	○ ○
Sample Point	●
#12 Truck Parking	DA-3
#13 Entrance Exit	DA-1
#14 Fueling Area	ID-MP
#15 Transfer Ramps	S.R., D.P.
#16 Settling Ponds	
#17 File Storage	

Abbreviations

Immediate (Acute) Health Hazard	IA
Delayed (Chronic) Health Hazard	DC
Fire Hazard	FH
Sudden Release of Pressure	SR
Reactive	R
Medical (Infectious) Waste	IW
Radioactive	RA
Extremely Hazardous	XH
Electricity	E
Gas	G
Water	W
Fuel	F
Drainage Area	DA
Industrial Activity	ID
Material Handling Processing	MP
Shipping and Receiving	S.R.
Dust Particulate Areas	D.P.

List of Chemicals

3.1) Viscocrete 2100
3.2) Plastocrete 161
3.3) Sika Set NC
3.4) Sika Control 40
3.5) Sikatard 440
3.6) Helium
4.1) Cement
4.2) Fly Ash
5.1) Dry Color
5.2) Liquid Color
8.1) Waste Oil
9.1) Acetylene
9.2) Hydraulic Oil
9.3) Oxygen
9.4) Nitrogen
9.5) Motor Oil
9.6) Antifreeze
9.7) ATF
14.1) #2 Diesel Fuel

Note 1: Site is paved.  
Note 2: \* = Roofed

Exhibit 4